331 God of the Ages, Whose Almighty Hand

1 God of the ages, whose almighty hand
2 Thy love divine hath led us in the past.
3 From war’s alarms, from deadly pestilence,
4 Refresh thy people on their toilsome way.

Hand leads forth in beauty all the starry band
In this free land by thee our lot is cast.
Hence, be thy strong arm our ever sure defense.
Lead us from night to never-ending day.

Of shining worlds in splendor through the skies,
Be thou our ruler, guardian, guide, and stay:
Thy true religion in our hearts increase.
Fill all our lives with love and grace divine.

Our grateful songs before thy throne arise.
Thy word our law, thy paths our chosen way.
Thy bounteous goodness nourish us in peace.
And glory, laud, and praise be ever thine.

This hymn was generated by 19th-century centennial celebrations: the words by the Declaration of Independence and the music by the adoption of the United States Constitution. Despite these origins, no specific nation is mentioned in this hymn of praise and prayer for peace.

TEXT: Daniel Crane Roberts, 1876, alt.
MUSIC: George William Warren, 1892
NATIONAL HYMN
10.10.10.10
Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me

Capo 3: (G) (D) (G) (D) (G) (D) (Em) (D)

1 Glory to God, whose goodness shines on me,
World without end, without end. Amen.

2 World without end, without end. Amen.

and to the Son, whose grace has pardoned me,
World without end, without end. Amen.

and to the Spirit, whose love has set me free.
World without end, without end. Amen.

As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.
We Are One in the Spirit

They’ll Know We Are Christians by Our Love

Capo 1: (Em) (Bm) (Em)
Fm Cm Fm

1. We are one in the Spirit; we are one in the Lord;
2. We will walk with each other; we will walk hand in hand;
3. We will work with each other; we will work side by side;
4. All praise to the Father, from whom all things come,

(Am) (Em)
Bbm Fm

we are one in the Spirit; we are one in the Lord,
we will walk with each other; we will walk hand in hand,
we will work with each other; we will work side by side,
and all praise to Christ Jesus, God’s only Son,

(Am) (Em)
Bbm Fm

and we pray that all unity may one day be restored;
and together we’ll spread the news that God is in our land;
and we’ll guard human dignity and save human pride;
and all praise to the Spirit, who makes us one:

Refrain
(C) (Em)
Db Fm

And they’ll know we are Christians by our love, by our

(Am) (Em) (Am) (Bm) (Em) (Am/E) (Em)
Bbm Fm Bbm Cm Fm Bbm/F Fm

love; yes, they’ll know we are Christians by our love.

A parish priest at St. Brendan’s on the South Side of Chicago in the 1960s was very involved in the local Civil Rights movement and needed something for his youth choir to sing at ecumenical, interracial events. Finding nothing, he wrote this song in a single day.

TEXT and MUSIC: Peter Scholtes, 1966

THE CHURCH

THEY’LL KNOW WE ARE CHRISTIANS

Where Cross the Crowded Ways of Life

1 Where cross the crowded ways of life, where sound the cries of race and clan, above the noise of selfish strife, we hear your voice, O Son of Man. 
2 In haunts of wretchedness and need, on shad-owed thresh-olds fraught with fears, from paths where hide the lures of greed, we catch the vision of your tears.
3 From tender childhood's helplessness, from human sorrow's stress, your heart has never known recoil.
4 The cup of water given for you still holds the freshness of your grace; yet long these multitudes to view the sweet compassion of your face.

5 O Master, from the mountainside, make haste to heal these hearts of pain; among these restless throngs abide; O tread the city's streets again;
6 Till all the world shall learn your love, and follow where your feet have trod; till glorious from your heaven above shall come the city of our God.

Because dense populations always result in concentrated hardships, this vivid yet timeless evocation of urban need connects to our own day as well as to Jesus' lament over Jerusalem (Matthew 23:37/Luke 13:34). This tune was the first used with this text and is now customary.
606  Praise God, from Whom
All Blessings Flow
Doxology

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise Christ, all people
here below; praise Holy Spirit evermore; praise

Triune God, whom we adore. Amen.

*Or "God"
For the Beauty of the Earth

1 For the beauty of the earth, for the glory of the skies,
   for the love which from our birth over and around us lies:
   Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.

2 For the wonder of each hour of the day and of the night,
   for the mystic harmony linking sense to sound and sight:

3 For the joy of ear and eye, for the heart and mind’s delight,
   for friends on earth, and friends above, for all gentle thoughts and mild:

4 For the joy of human love, brother, sister, parent, child,
   for that great, great love of thine, peace on earth and joy in heaven:

5 For thy self, best gift divine to the world so freely given;

In the course of many revisions, the original eucharistic emphasis of this text has shifted to a hymn of thanksgiving for a wide range of human experience, with a Christological summation. It is set here to the tune that is customary in North America, though not elsewhere.